

**Delaware Health Resources Board
MeadowWood Review Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Jun 18, 2019 10:00 AM
DelDOT Administration Building Felton/Farmington Room
800 Bay Rd Dover DE 19901**

Review Committee Members Present: Theodore Becker Dennis Klima and Yrene Waldron

Staff Present: Latoya Wright and Elisabeth Scheneman

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Review Committee for MeadowWood was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

April 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were reviewed. There was a motion to approve the minutes. There was a voice vote, one abstaining, and no opposing. Motion carried.

Review of follow up questions and responses

The Review Committee reviewed and discussed the responses to the follow up questions submitted to MeadowWood from the April 22, 2019 meeting.

Review of MeadowWood 20-bed expansion Certificate of Public Review application in accordance to review criteria

The Review Committee reviewed MeadowWood's application relating to the seven criteria:

Criterion I: The relationship of the proposal to the Health Resources Management Plan.

It was discussed that the 20-bed expansion has the ability to flex beds across the three patient populations to include adolescent, co-occurring and adult psychiatric.

The Review Committee agreed the application met criterion I.

Criterion II: The need of the population for the proposed project.

There was a discussion surrounding the need for geriatric behavioral health services and if MeadowWood has specific beds designated to geriatric services. The Review Committee discussed the number of admissions noted in the application. In 2018 through November, there were 5, 069 admissions. It was stated that it would be helpful to know the patient mix for the admissions from 2017 and 2018 and MeadowWood's readmission rates for the different populations served.

The Review Committee agreed the application met criterion II.

Criterion III: The availability of less costly and/or more effective alternatives to the proposal, including alternatives involving the use of resources located outside the State.

It was stated that MeadowWood's application noted there are other providers for behavioral health services. However based on deflection rates within Delaware and the surrounding region, it is uncertain if these services are readily available at the time of patient need.

The Review Committee agreed the application met criterion III.

Criterion IV: The relationship of the proposal to the existing health care delivery system.

It was stated MeadowWood has excellent relationships and partnerships with many community agencies, organizations and hospitals. This expansion will relieve pressure on existing emergency departments and provide greater access and faster initiation of emergency psychiatric services.

The Review Committee agreed the application met criterion IV.

Criterion V: The immediate and long-term viability of the proposal in terms of the applicant's access to financial management and other necessary resources.

The expansion cost is approximately \$5 million, which will be funded with cash on hand. Proformas in the application include estimated capital expenditures, source of financing and present long-term debt.

The Review Committee agreed the application met criterion V.

Criterion VI: The anticipated effect of the proposal on the costs of and charges for health care.

The Review Committee reviewed Schedule 4 of the application, which provides the estimated effect on the annual expenses and annual revenue for the 20-bed expansion. The flex expansion will have a small beneficial impact on the cost and charges of existing healthcare.

The Review Committee agreed the application met criterion VI.

Criterion VII: The anticipated effect of the proposal on the quality of health care.

It was stated that the Joint Commission of the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) accredits MeadowWood. The Review Committee discussed how the additional beds will add to the existing capacity which increases the quality of healthcare.

The Review Committee agreed the application met criterion VII.

It was stated that MeadowWood submitted a written statement following the public hearing held on June 5, 2019 in which that was read to the Review Committee.

During the discussion of the application further, the Review Committee submitted the following questions to MeadowWood for informational purposes:

- Does Acadia have other psychiatric facilities near MeadowWood?
- For the 20 bed expansion, how many specifically will be geriatric?
- Provide the patient mix of your annual admissions for 2017 and 2018.
- What is your readmission rate for the different populations served?
- Who does MeadowWood contract with for discharge planning? Does this include home health providers, and if so who are those providers?

Next Steps

Staff will send the follow up questions to MeadowWood for a written response. The Review Committee will provide their recommendation for the application to the Board at the June 27, 2019 HRB meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Guests Attended

Felicia Risick

Elisabeth Lewis Zubuca

MeadowWood

Hamilton Goodman Partners